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**LOK SABHA**

**STARRED QUESTION NO. 197**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022

**ACREAGE UNDER RAPESEED**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the farmers have increased acreage under rapeseed as compared to the last year season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the higher oilseed output will help the country to cut expensive purchases of edible oils from Malaysia, Indonesia, Brazil, Argentina, Russia and Ukraine; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage the farmers to increase the acreage under rapeseed cultivation?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NAREDNRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 197 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 20.12.2022 REGARDING ACREAGE UNDER RAPESEED.**

(a) to (d): The Government has been implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz., National Food Security Mission- Oilseeds & Oil palm (NFSM-OS&OP) from 2018-19 to augment the availability of edible oils by increasing the production and productivity of nine oilseed crops including Rapeseed & Mustard (R&M) and to reducing the import burden in the country. From the year 2021, the Government is implementing the National Mission on Edible Oils- Oil Palm for increasing edible oil production and reducing import dependency.

Under the NFSM- Oilseeds, incentives/ subsidies are being provided to the farmers through State Government for three broad interventions viz. (i) seed component covering purchase of breeder seeds , production of foundation seeds & certified seeds, distribution of certified seeds, distribution of seed minikits & seed hub (ii) production inputs component covering seed infrastructure development, seed storage bins, Plant Protection (PP) equipments & seed treating drum, PP chemicals, distribution of gypsum/ pyrites/ lime etc., Nuclear Polyhedrosis Virus/ bio agent, supply of bio-fertilizers, improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, water carrying pipes, and (iii) transfer of technology component covering cluster/ block demonstrations, Frontline Demonstrations, Cluster Frontline Demonstrations and training through National Agricultural Research System and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Integrated Pest Management through Farmer Field School (FFS) mode, training of farmers, training of officers/ extension workers, need based R&D project including seminar/ kisan mela and oil extraction unit under flexi funds etc.

The acreage under rapeseed & mustard has increased from 67.00 lakh hectare in 2020-21 to 80.59 lakh hectare during the year 2021-22 (4<sup>th</sup> Advance Estimate, Directorate of Economics & Statistics). Moreover, the total area, production and productivity of oilseeds in the country has also increased, details of which are given below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Area (Lakh hectare)</b>	<b>Production (Lakh tones)</b>	<b>Productivity (Kg./ hectare)</b>
2018-19	247.94	315.22	1271
2019-20	271.39	332.19	1224
2020-21	288.34	359.46	1247
2021-22*	291.67	376.96	1292

\* 4<sup>th</sup> Advance Estimate, Directorate of Economics & Statistics.

Though the domestic availability of edible oils has increased from 103.52 lakh tonnes in 2018-19 to 115.71 lakh tonnes in 2021-22, due to higher demand of edible oil, the deficit is being met through imports. However, if the domestic availability had not increased, it would have led to even higher imports.

Under NFSM-OS, in the year 2021-22, 5.98 lakh mini kits were distributed free to the farmers. In the year 2022-23, 5.75 lakh min kits have been allotted for distribution during Rabi 2022-23. The mini kits are of 2 kg size consisting of seeds of high yielding varieties having productivity more than 20 quintals per hectare.

In the year 2021-22, 11.86 lakh mini kits were distributed free of cost to farmers in high potential districts of 9 states. In the year 2022-23, 26.50 lakh mini kits have been allocated for high potential districts of 18 states.

Moreover, the Government has distributed 1.20 lakh mini kits of hybrid seeds during 2021-22 in 5 states.

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